

and laces as they danced and feasted. The youths passed on their fine horses, going to prosecute their love affairs, and published in the *Gazette* their verses addressed to "Myrtilla" or "Chloe" or "Belinda." There was horse-racing and cock-fighting; "Bacon's Thunderbolts" were the names of spangles who triumphed in many battles. The anniversary of St. Tammany, tutelar Saint of America, is recorded as a grand occasion, opening with a royal salute of twenty-one guns and ending with a brilliant ball that lasted until four in the morning." A jaunty time this for the training of the great men who won our freedom in the Revolution, and framed our Constitution and laws!

Beverley, writing in 1720, says of the Virginians: "They have their gardeners, brewers, bakers, butchers and cooks within themselves; they have a great plenty of provisions for their table; and as for spicery and other things the country don't produce, they have constant supplies of 'em from England. The gentry pretend to have their victuals drest and served up as nicely as the best tables in London." Henry Randall, of New York, in his "Life of Jefferson," says: "Many of the planters lived in baronial splendor. Their tables were loaded with plate, and with the luxuries of the Old and New World. Numerous slaves and white persons, whose time they owned for a term of years, served them in every capacity which use, luxury or ostentation could dictate; and when they traveled in state, their cumbrous and richly appointed coaches were dragged by six horses, driven by three postilions. When the Virginia gentleman of that day went forth with his household, the cavalcade consisted of the mounted white males of the family, the coach-and-six lumbering through the sands, and a retinue of mounted body servants, grooms with spare led horses, etc., in the rear."

We can imagine the cares of the mistress of the house upon the approach of "the cavalcade" for a week's visit! But she had always a valuable assistant in her housekeeper, who was also her friend; entirely devoted to her, and to the duty of maintaining the honor of the family.